

To be eligible for an evaluation do students need to be identified as deaf or hard of hearing?

Any deaf or hard of hearing child in the State of Indiana from birth to age 22 can utilize the services available at the Eliza Willard Assessment Center. If a child is suspected of qualifying for services as a deaf or hard of hearing child we can also provide the assessment. We receive referrals from school districts, doctors and other sources from all over the State of Indiana.

What happens after an assessment, and how will the evaluations be shared with the child's school?

Results of the evaluation are offered the parent 5 days prior to their case conference, at which results will be shared for the child's IEP team to consider.

What are the costs for services?

All services are provided free of charge.

Does the Assessment Team evaluate children with cochlear implants?

Yes. We evaluate the child's functional use of assistive listening devices including cochlear implants, conventional hearing aids, and other advanced technology. Evaluations are not limited to listening. Evaluations can also include assessment of a child's language, how the child communicates, as well as how the child functions psychologically and academically.

Does the Assessment Team evaluate children regardless of their preferred communication?

Yes. We offer expert services to all deaf and hard of hearing children regardless of the child's mode of communication, including children who use spoken English, those who use a signed English system and those who use American Sign Language.

Where are the evaluations available?

Most evaluations are completed at the Eliza Willard Assessment Center. However, some services can be provided in other locations, such as the child's natural environment or their local school.

What professionals are on the multidisciplinary evaluation team?

Educational audiologists, speech/language pathologists, language specialists, school psychologists, social workers, occupational and physical therapists are available for evaluations. All of our staff is specialized in working with and evaluating deaf and hard of hearing children.